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RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND AUCTION 904 APPLICATION REVIEW CONCLUDES; LONG-FORM APPLICATIONS MADE PUBLIC

AU Docket No. 20-34
WC Docket No. 19-126
WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), in conjunction with the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), announces the conclusion of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction (Auction 904) long-form application review. Currently, there are 379 support recipients with authorized winning bids totaling over \$6 billion in support over a ten-year term, covering just under 3.5 million locations in 48 states and one territory.¹ While authorized bids included a range of performance tiers, over 97% of locations are covered by winning bids for Gigabit speed service.

All Auction 904 winning bids have been authorized or defaulted, with state-level summaries of authorizations posted under the “Results” tab on the Auction 904 webpage at <https://www.fcc.gov/auction/904>. The summary provides for each authorized Auction 904 long-form applicant: 1) the total support amount over 10 years and total number of locations for which the long-form applicant is authorized in each state; 2) the total number of locations to which the authorized support recipient must offer the required voice and broadband services for each performance tier and latency in each state; and 3) the eligible census blocks included in the winning bids that are authorized in each state.

As part of the Rural Broadband Accountability Plan,² the Commission is also making available additional information from the long-form applications submitted by applicants (FCC Form 683). The Auction 904 FCC Form 683 long-form applications will be viewable through the application search feature, which can be accessed through the “Application Search” tab on the Auction 904 web page.³ The Commission will continue to withhold from routine public inspection information related to a long-form applicant’s detailed technology and system design description and its project funding description; financial information for which confidential treatment was requested under the section 0.459(a)(4)

¹ Three support recipients fully withdrew from the RDOF support program after being authorized to receive support for their winning bids. See *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Post-Authorization Defaults Announced*, AU Docket No. 20-34 et al., Public Notice, DA 23-744 (WCB Aug. 22, 2023); *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support Authorized for 497 Winning Bids; Bid Defaults Announced*, AU Docket No. 20-34 et al., Public Notice, 37 FCC Rcd 13199, 13207-08 (WCB/OEA 2022).

² See generally Federal Communications Commission, *Rural Broadband Accountability Plan*, <https://www.fcc.gov/rbap> (last visited Dec. 15, 2023).

³ Federal Communications Commission, *Auction 904: Rural Digital Opportunity Fund*, <https://www.fcc.gov/auction/904> (last visited Dec. 15, 2023).

abbreviated confidential treatment process; letter of credit documentation; and any other information subject to a request for confidential treatment that has been granted or remains pending.⁴

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Auction 903 Information

General Auction Information, Process, and Procedures

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⁴ See *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction (Auction 904) Closes; Winning Bidders Announced; FCC Form 683 Due January 29, 2021*, AU Docket No. 20-34 et al., Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 13888, 13898-99, paras. 27-31 (WCB/OEA 2020); *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Auction Support for 1,460 Winning Bids Ready to Be Authorized*, AU Docket No. 20-34 et al., Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 11571, 11574 & n.17 (WCB/OEA 2021).